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SUBJECT: DOUBLE TAXATION CONVENTION

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1. THE TECHNICAL SECRETARY GENRAL OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY, JOSE RAMON ALVAREZ RENDUELSSES (WHO REPLACED FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ IN THIS POSITION IN MAY OF LAST YEAR), ACCEPTED THE PROPOSED DATE OF SEPTEMBER 16 FOR NEGOTIATIONS OF AN INCOME TAX TREATY WITH THE US. WHILE JOSE LUIS DE JUAN, WHEN INFORMED OF THE PROPOSED DATE, MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT ITS BEING TOO EARLY, IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION RENDUELES, WHO IS DE JUAN'S BOSS, WAS VERY QUICK TO ACCEDE AND SEEMED ANXIOUS TO GET THESE OFT-ABORTED NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY AND COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. IF TREASURY WOULD FEEL IT USEFUL TO DO SO, THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT A MEMO BE DRAFTED THAT WOULD UPDATE THE US POSITION ON THE SUBJECT SO THAT SOME PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE THE FORMAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER. THIS COULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF ELICITING FROM THE SPANISH A SIMILAR RESPONSE STATING THEIR CURRENT THINKING AND THEREBY PERMIT WASHINGTON TO PREPARE A MORE FRUITFUL NEGOTIATING SESSION. THE TREASURY MEMO COULD TAKE THE FORM OF THE MARCH 20, 1973, MEMO FROM GORDON TO JURECKY. RIVERO

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